(b) whether there is any proposal to set up more such laboratories; and

(c) if so, the location-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) The Central Government have set up four Drug Testing laboratories at Calcutta, Ghaziabad, Madras and Bombay.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Government have initiated action to set up three Regional Testing Laboratories at Chandigarh, Hyderabad and Guwahati. The proposals are at various stages of land acquisition and preparation of designs.

Persons Suffering from AIDS

661. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons suffering from AIDS disease in India, State-wise; and

(b) what action Government have taken to prevent AIDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) A statement giving the number of reported AIDS cases as on 28.2.1995 is enclosed (See below).

(b) A comprehensive Programme for the prevention and Control of AIDS is currently under implementation as a Centrally sponsored scheme throughout the country. The strategies of the Programme consist of generation of awareness amongst high risk behaviour and general public about HIV/AIDS, Control of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Blood Safety and rational use of Blood, better Surveillance, and diagnosis and Clinical Management of HIV/AIDS Cases.

Statement

National AIDS Control Programme, India AIDS Cases in India (Reported to NACO)

(As on 28th February, 1995)

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	AIDS Cases
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1
2.	Assam	2
3.	Delhi	70
4.	Goa	12
5.	Gujarat	18
6.	Haryana	1
7.	Himachal Pradesh	9
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	2
9.	Kerala.	76
10.	Madhya Pradesh	21
11	Maharashtra	288
12	Manipur	68
13	Pondicherry	6
14	Punjab/Chandigarh	47
15	Rajasthan	1
16	Tamil Nadu	345
17	Uttar Pradesh	8
18	West Bengal	32
19	Karnataka	26
20	Dadra Nagar Haveli	1
21	Orissa	2
	TOTAL :	1036